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ACCORDING TO PRESTIGIOUS O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JUAN ANTONIO TACK IN RIO APRIL 19 (I.E. PRIOR TO POSTPONEMENT OF SECRETARY'S TRIP) SAID THAT "IN THE MEETING HE (THE SECRETARY) WILL HOLD WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL...(HE)WILL BE INFORMED OF THE BRAZILIAN POSITION, CONSIDERING A NEW TREATY FOR THE PANAMA CANAL, ON FAIRER TERMS, FUNDAMENTAL FOR THE WHOLE HEMISPHERE. THE DEFENSE OF PANAMANIAN POSITIONS BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TO THE U.S. WAS AGREED DURING THE MEETING (BETWEEN SUCRE PEREIRA, TACK AND GEISEL)... FOR THE PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, THE CONTACTS MADE WITH GEISEL STRENGTHENED THE POSITION OF HIS COUNTRY TO THE POINT THAT HE BELIEVES THAT BY JUNE THE U.S. WILL AGREE TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF THE TREATY...".
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